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TO: Administration Committee

DATE: May 4, 2011

FR: Executive Director

W.I.: 1122

RE: Funding Agreement – California Household Travel Survey – Caltrans

MTC staff requests the Committee's approval to negotiate a funding agreement with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the amount of \$1,565,000 to conduct household travel surveys for the Bay Area during the statewide surveying effort.

Background

MTC and Caltrans conduct household travel surveys approximately every ten years to obtain detailed information on household travel behavior. In particular, the surveys support updates for our travel and air quality forecast models. Data collected through these efforts are also used to support many state, regional, county, and city-level planning efforts.

MTC's last Bay Area Travel Survey (BATS) was performed in 2000, and a new survey is needed in order to refresh data for the region. Caltrans is currently developing its 2010 California Household Travel Survey, with a primary goal of coordinating its efforts with regional MPOs. The coordinated effort will help ensure data consistency throughout the state, particularly interregional travel forecasting. As part of the statewide survey, Caltrans will be surveying approximately 7,000 households within the Bay Area. Caltrans would like MPOs to contribute funds toward the statewide effort in lieu of performing independent, regional surveys. By contributing funds through this agreement toward the statewide effort, MTC will purchase approximately 3,000 additional household surveys. The statewide survey provides an opportunity for MTC to collect data comparable to the 2000 BATS at a reduced overall cost.

Caltrans engaged in a competitive procurement process to acquire consultant services and selected NuStats, LLC to conduct the statewide survey, and MTC is a member of the statewide steering committee responsible for helping develop and implement the survey.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that this Committee authorize the Executive Director or his designated representative to negotiate and enter into a funding agreement with the California Department of

Transportation for \$1,565,000 to purchase Bay Area household travel surveys from Caltrans, consistent with MTC's FY 2010-11 budget.

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REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

Summary of Proposed Funding Agreement

Work Item No.:	1122
Consultant:	California Department of Transportation, Sacramento, Ca NuStats, LLC, Austin, TX
Work Project Title:	California Household Travel Survey
Purpose of Project:	Perform household travel survey
Brief Scope of Work:	Pool MTC funds with California Department of Transportation statewide household travel survey in order to survey additional households in the MTC region.
Project Cost Not to Exceed:	\$1,565,000
Funding Source:	\$87,000 in General Fund; \$546,955 in FHWA funds; \$181,045 in FTA 5303 funds; \$750,000 in STP Planning fund; all funds are included in MTC FY 2010-11 budget.
Fiscal Impact:	Funds are included in the FY 2010-11 agency budget.
Motion by Committee:	That the Executive Director or his designee is authorized to negotiate and enter into a funding agreement with the California Department of Transportation to collect additional household surveys in the Bay Area during the California Household Travel Survey, and the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to set aside funds up to \$1,565,000 for such funding agreement.
Administration Committee:	<hr/> Scott Haggerty, Chair
Approved:	Date: May 11, 2011